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Ms. Karin Keyes Endemann has over 20 years of experience in science and technology, both in the domestic and international arenas and is an expert in intellectual property management. She is currently the Director of International Relations at the National Research Council of Canada where she provides strategic advice to the President, manages the bilateral and multilateral interactions with 80 countries and directs international programs worth over \$10 million/year. Karin represents NRC and Canada on myriad national and international committees and is a frequently invited speaker at major international fora such as the UN, S&T Summits and APEC. Previously she owned a consulting company which provided strategic IP and technology transfer advice to both Canadian and foreign organizations. Karin conducted an original world-wide consultation on the IP issues of the Biodiversity Convention, which was presented at the UN, wrote the Canadian Guide for the Protection of Traditional Knowledge of Aboriginal people and the Team Canada Guide for IP Protection for Canadian Exporters. Earlier, she was Head of the International Relations Office for Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. On a federal level, Ms. Endemann initiated and Chairs the Canadian Committee on International Intellectual Property, the Heads of International S&T Committee (HOIST) and the Inter-Departmental Partnership on S&T. She is a member of the Boards of Directors of Team Canada Inc. and UNESCO. Karin was also a member of the Canadian negotiating teams which negotiated the Canada/European Union Science and Technology Agreement and the Canada/USA Intellectual Property Treaty. As a result of this work, she received the Governor General's award for Significant Contribution to Canada. Ms. Endemann teaches courses on international relations, international law and IP management at Carleton University. She has degrees in biology, psychology and a Masters in Intellectual Property.